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- (1) to spread a wider understanding and a better appreciation of all cats, their care and management;
- (2) to encourage in every way the brooding, handling and showing of pedigree cats;
- (3) to work for the suppression of every form of cruelty to cats;
- (4) to act as a link of friendship and common interest between cat lovers in different parts of the world.

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## OUR THIRD YEAR

As we turn into our third year with this our 25th issue, the occasion does, I think, warrant an over-the-shoulder glance as well as a peep into the hazy future. January, 1949, the date of our first issue, now seems a long way back and much has happened in the intervening period.

When I decided to launch OUR CATS I did so in the face of a certain amount of scepticism and discouragement. I was so often reminded that the Cat Fancy was a small and select circle and good intentions in this specialist field of publishing had so often gone amiss in the past. So I decided to proceed cautiously with what I like to refer to as my Three Year Plan—a fashionable procedure these days! It was really quite a simple Plan and I won't trouble you now with details of the recipe.

Well, here we are with two years gone and OUR CATS firmly established at home and overseas as "the pick of the litter" as far as feline periodicals are concerned. During these two years the target set has almost been reached; that it was not fully reached is due entirely to the unsettled times in which we live. Every month has seen progress made and some widening of the circle of friends and supporters.

I have done my best at all times to adhere firmly to our original policy and slogan. In my first editorial, you may remember, I promised that OUR CATS would be an independent journal, free to "control its own destiny"; to give help and encouragement where it is needed and to be critical when such a course seems desirable. It will at all times endeavour to be impartial and to ensure 'fair shares' for all. The test will always be: Is it a good article of general interest or is it a good picture." The

steadily mounting interest in the Magazine convinces me that our original ideas on conduct were right. If there are any dissentient voices, they are muted.

Now we have arrived at our third and most important year when, despite the uncertainty of the times, it is imperative that our rate of progress shall be not merely sustained but accelerated. The ultimate success of my Plan can mean quite a lot for cat lovers all over the world. For one thing, it would silence the kind critics who have written to me to say that the only complaint they have to make about the Magazine is that "it isn't big enough!"

So may I please look forward to your help and co-operation during the coming months? You can give this in a variety of ways. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Recommend the Magazine to your friends at home and overseas.
2. Renew your subscription on the first application. Tell me should you not be able to renew.
3. Use our advertisement pages as much as possible.
4. Send me good pictures and news items from local papers.
5. Provide names and addresses of customers and cat loving friends whom you would like to receive a specimen copy of OUR CATS. Such information would be treated in strictest confidence.

Finally, my best thanks to so many of you for the grand batch of seasonal messages and letters of congratulation on the achievements of 1950. It was quite impossible to answer them all individually.

EDITOR

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*Our cover picture this month — by Fox Photos — shows two comfortable kittens at the dinner table of Mrs. A. F. Fox.*

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## WHO'S WHO among the Breeders

MRS. A. E. VIZE

We know from the contents of our mailbag that the reappearance of this popular feature will give widespread satisfaction. It is our intention to continue with the series during 1951 as suitable material becomes available. Our candidate for interview this month is Mrs. A. E. Vize, of Banstead, Surrey, a fancier of vast experience who is held in high esteem in feline circles everywhere. In everything she undertakes, whether it concerns breeding, exhibiting, judging, show promotion or club affairs, she has always displayed an enthusiasm that is contagious and a judgment that has brought nothing but credit to the Fancy. It is largely due to her inspiration that the Surrey and Sussex Cat Association has been successfully launched. One of the objects of this Association is to take the cat show to the people in the south-east and its first show at Redhill on the 10th of this month was an unqualified success. We present Mrs. Vize's story in her own words.

**B**OTH my parents were great animal lovers and among a variety of pets, cats, of course, are prominently associated with my childhood memories.

My formal introduction to the Fancy was brought about by my mother, Mrs. White, whom many fanciers will remember. When she took up cat breeding and showing I became keenly interested in her hobby and accompanied her to the various shows whenever my duties towards my



Mrs. Vize

young children permitted. We both were chiefly interested in Longhairs and Blues, Creams and Blue Creams were our favourites, although we also had other breeds from time to time and even a Shorthair or two.

The first cat to be registered in my name was Golden Fleece of Four Winds, a Cream bred by Mrs. Bazeley, and shortly afterwards I purchased Symbol of Runnymede, a Blue Cream, from Mrs. Reynolds-Sams. With the last named I won my first challenge certificate in 1930, an event which fired my enthusiasm for my hobby and determined me to go on showing my pets.

I recall with great pleasure those pre-war shows and the kindness and superb sportsmanship of my fellow fanciers of those days. What fun we had going to the various shows all over the country and what ad-

ventures! I shall never forget one morning at Exeter Station, where we had arrived at some unearthly hour. We were sitting in the waiting room surrounded by cat baskets, when the cleaner arrived complete with mop and pail. She informed us with a disapproving sniff that "some tom cats must have got in here during the night."

Of the cats I owned and showed before the war, the following are, in my opinion, worth mentioning:

face. I could not fault her head nor her ears and skull; her eyes are extra good and nicely set. She was beautifully shown, with good brush and coat of just the texture that we need in Blues. She sat up and showed herself well, and altogether looked a charming exhibit."

Myowne Superma, mated to King Kong, produced a lovely litter. One of her kittens from this mating, Myowne Benedict, was purchased by Miss Phillips

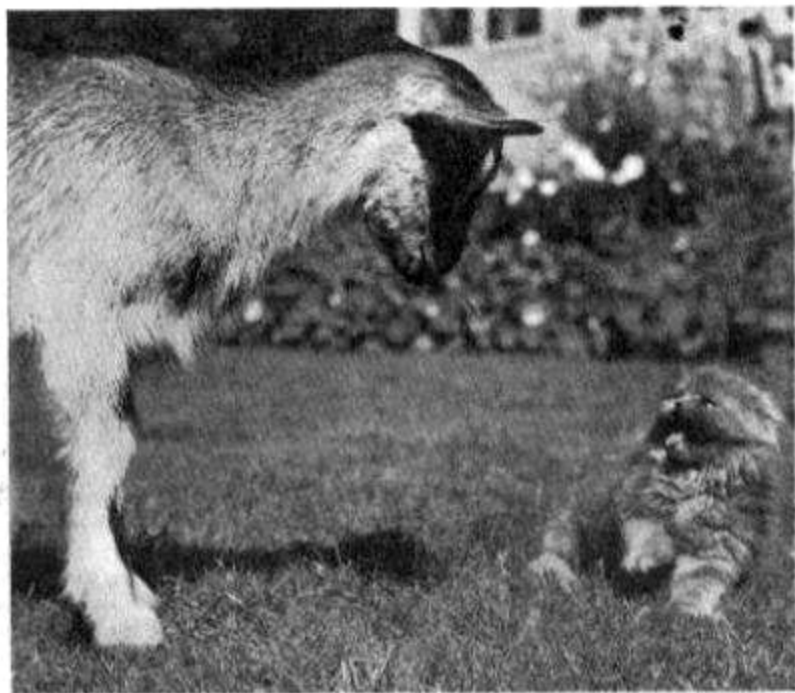


"He was later to become CH. ASTRA OF PENSFORD, winning his Challenge Certificates at three successive shows at the age of two years."

Symbol of Runnymede and Woodchurch Japonica, of whom Mrs. Slingsby wrote in her report of the Croydon Cat Club Show in 1934: "I gave 1st and C.C. to Mrs. Vize's Woodchurch Japonica, the best all-round queen I have seen for a long time, and although rather darker in shade than many of the others, beautifully blue in tone and quite sound to root and level on sur-

at the beginning of the war and was perhaps responsible for making her the enthusiastic and successful breeder she is to-day. My stud, Woodchurch Roy, a well-known prizewinner, sired excellent stock and left his mark on the present-day Blues and Blue Creams in whose pedigrees he appears.

During the war I joined the W.A.A.F and later the Y.M.C.A.



*Photo by Illustrate*

Little MYOWNE GALLANT HOMME is evidently not yet on the best of terms with the lady who delivers the milk. Doubtless he will know better when he is older! Now see him on the next page. . . .

and my stock was dispersed for the duration. On my return from Germany in 1946 I found, however, that none of my old cats was alive and I had to make a fresh start. Mrs. Bazeley, that great fancier, kindly helped by letting me have the last of her Colneside queens, whom I registered as Myowne Veronique. From the late Mrs. Jackson I purchased a well-bred queen, who, however, only produced one litter during the last three years and, as far as I can see, will end her days without repeating this effort. From Mrs. Chappell I got a charming Blue Cream, Myowne Gaymay, also called the "Duchess" because of her re-

fined and somewhat condescending behaviour.

From Veronique, mated to Valleyend Blue Prince, I bred Myowne Bronwyn and Myowne Blue Mist; Bronwyn I kept myself and Blue Mist went to my sister, Mrs. Knight, who has bred a number of winning kittens from her. Bronwyn, mated to Gathorne Gremlin, bred Myowne Carmina, whom I also kept myself; mated to Ch. Astra of Pensford, she produced Myowne Ferly, who was recently exported to France, where I hope that he will do credit to his new owner and my prefix.

I was still without a stud in 1947 but anxious to get one.

Having looked at several kittens without finding what I wanted, I called on Mrs. Joan Thompson one day and was shown Bebe of Pensford's six weeks old litter by Valleyend Blue Prince. I was very much taken by one of the kittens and booked him on the spot. He was later to become Ch. Astra of Pensford, winning his Challenge Certificates at three successive shows at the age of two years. A Cream stud, Danhurst Sultan, was later purchased from Mr. Gordon B. Allt. Sultan



*Photo by Illustrated*

**GALLANT HOMME** is "up on his hind legs" again but this time he has the situation well under control.

excels in eye colour, a point to which I have always attached the greatest importance. He sired some very good kittens in his first season.

Last January I bought a delightful kitten, Trenton Verity, at the Notts and Derby Ch. Show. Verity, bred by Mrs. Harrington-Harvard, is by Ch. Oxley's Peter John, a cat I have always admired. I awarded him his third Challenge Certificate at Croydon in 1948 and I hoped that his daughter would prove a valuable outcross for my stock. She did not disappoint me as in her first litter by Ch. Astra of Pensford she had the male kitten, Myowne Gallant Homme, in my opinion the most promising kitten I have ever bred. In his first show, the Crystal Cat Show at Olympia, he won not only the Breeders' Cup, but was also selected in the ballot by the visitors as one of "Everybody's Cats," which proved that, apart from show points, he is unusually attractive and pretty. One of his litter sisters went to Sweden, the other to a lady who wishes to start breeding Blue Longhairs.

I have recently taken up Shorthairs and keep a Black stud, Bourneside Inky Bit, bred by Mrs. Aiken, as well as his young daughter, Myowne Ebonette. Inky Bit has done well in the show pen and sired the winning British kitten at the last Herts and Middlesex Ch. Show. A Shorthaired Blue Cream, bred by Mrs. Cook-Radmore, joined my little family a few weeks ago.

I am fortunate in living in a spot away from the main roads surrounded by fields and spinneys where I can allow my queens and kittens complete freedom. My studs are confined to outdoor

houses with runs and only allowed the freedom of the garden one at a time. I firmly believe in a balanced diet for cats, with fresh, raw meat as the basic food, pressure cooked fish waste or chickens' heads, rabbit with brown bread, or a drink of milk, preferably goats' milk, for their second daily meal. This menu keeps my cats in excellent health and condition.

I should like to end with a brief word of advice to novices and all those who might be thinking of taking up cat breeding: *Don't be satisfied with what you have got, even if it wins supreme honours. Try and breed something better.*



## FIRST AID

By Eunice A. Welsford

**I**T is important that cat owners should be able to act efficiently and effectively in the event of their pets sustaining injuries, accidents and other emergencies. Minor injuries can often be dealt with on the spot, and in the more severe cases the strength of the animal conserved until veterinary assistance is obtained.

Probably the most common conditions encountered are abrasions of the skin, cuts and bites. The first consideration should be to cleanse the wound, using soap and water to remove the dirt and hair. This is particularly important in puncture wounds, where infection thrives. Hair surrounding the injury should be clipped, then an antiseptic such as tincture of iodine, Friars balsam, eusol or tincture of metaphen applied.

In severe injuries excessive bleeding often occurs. This in most cases can be controlled by the use of a

pressure bandage (a wad of cotton wool applied to the wound and tightly wrapped with a bandage). In extreme cases a tourniquet may be applied above the wound. If this measure is adopted, gradually release it at intervals of five to ten minutes in order to replace the stagnant blood. Remove the tourniquet immediately bleeding is controlled.

In the case of severe wounds, sprains, dislocations and fractures, every effort must be made to immobilise the injured part. By the restriction of movement, further injuries to the surrounding tissue may thus be avoided. Professional help should be obtained as soon as possible. This also applies in cases when small animals are struck by motor cars, motor cycles, or fall from a great height. Severe internal injuries that cannot be diagnosed by the layman often occur.

### Dressing Wounds

Mild scalds or burns may be relieved by a saturated solution of bicarbonate of soda or acriflavine emulsion. Later boracic ointment can be applied.

When dressing wounds in cats avoid any carbolic acid preparation. Such antiseptics are extremely poisonous to members of the feline tribe.

A cat suffering from an injury should be handled with extreme care: they are usually in great pain and may bite or scratch the person attempting first aid. If the animal is to be taken to a surgery, it is advisable to place it in a box or basket in order to avoid needless handling and movement. The patient's comfort must be the first consideration.

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## A page for the proletarian puss No. 10



For this month's picture we have borrowed again from the wonderful little booklet issued by the Ethicon Suture Laboratories, of New Jersey, U.S.A. to which we referred in our November issue. The kitten in the wheel symbolises the daily round of monotony for the hospital patient and the caption reads: Breakfast . . . bedpan . . . lunch; lunch . . . bedpan . . . supper; supper . . . bedpan . . . sleep. . .

# The British Cat

By KIT WILSON (*Concluding Instalment*)

LET us now consider the British cats of the past and those breeders who furthered the breed. In 1895, according to the catalogues, the Shorthaired varieties had pride of numbers. But in the next year we find that their place was usurped by the Persian varieties, and they never regained numerical supremacy until recently, when the Siamese have been all the rage.

I have said that the Short-Haired Cat Society was founded in 1901. There was also another club called The British Cat Club. This was founded by Sir Claude Alexander, of whom more later. The S.-H.C.S. was founded by Mr. Gambier Bolton. Writing on cats of the day, the late Mr. T. B. Mason, who was an authority on all breeds of cats and whose name was a household one among the early fanciers, says: "In the 'eighties, Mr. Young, of Harrogate, was hard at work laying the foundations of markings and colour in Silver Tabbies, Orange Tabbies and Tortoiseshells which has resulted in making the strains of North Country Shorthairs so far ahead of all others."

According to old magazines and books, Lady Decies, one of the pioneers of the Fancy, was greatly interested in Shorthairs, and owned and exhibited an outstanding Brown Tabby, Ch. Xenophon. This cat had, according to his picture, the most per-

fect markings and was of the true cobby type. Silver Tabbies, too, had their beginnings in Ch. Silver King, owned by Mr. Sam Woodiwiss (to-day's President of the S.-H.C.S., but owing to his age unable to attend shows), and Ch. Jimmy, owned by a Mrs. Herring.

As in selfs, the Tortoiseshell is another breed in which the tabby markings often appear. Mr. Young, we are told, made these markings a disqualification in the show pen. Here, then, was a move to gain perfection in this variety. Throughout these early shows a small band of enthusiastic breeders, which included Mr. Kuhnel, Mrs. Collingwood, Mrs. Herring, Mrs. Western (wife of Mr. F. W. Western, who was for many years Hon. Treasurer of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy instituted in 1910, and one of the most popular of all-round judges), Lady Alexander and Lady Decies, to mention only a few, strived to set a standard for the Britisher by guaranteeing classes, giving prizes and exhibiting their stock in order to encourage others to take up these fascinating breeds.

It was, however, uphill work, for by now the Persian was well established and on its way to the popularity it has never since lost. The Siamese, too, had become known and the Siamese Cat Club was formed.

Throughout their lives Sir Claude and Lady Alexander re-

mained faithful to the British Shorthair, and although they gave this encouragement, they rather gave with one hand and took away with the other. In many instances they purchased the winning exhibits at shows, and while they continued to enrich their cattery at Feigate they were hardly benefactors to the Fancy as a whole. Although most generous in the matter of cups and donations, they never parted with any of their kittens, nor did they place their studs at the service of interested fanciers. As was to be expected, with such a monopoly the Shorthairs waned between the wars for lack of competition, but even so there were considerably more on the bench then than there are to-day. The Alexanders certainly had the best, and their entry at a show would probably amount to between 20 and 30. Other breeders, faced with the difficulty of finding studs, were in many cases unable to breed specimens which would stand up to the competition.

### Perfect Red Tabby

There were, however, a few stalwarts who kept the flag flying, among them Mrs. Sharman, whose affix "of Coryton" was the hall-mark of good cats. Famous among her winners was Ch. Tudor Wench of Coryton, a Red Tabby considered by the late Mr. Cyril Yeates to be the most perfect specimen of the breed. Ch. Bride of Coryton, pure white with superb blue eyes, and Ch. Aunt Jane, jet black, were also lovely specimens. Mrs. Sharman was Hon. Secretary of the Neuter Cat Club and she did much to encourage the showing of Shorthair neuters. It is due largely to

her that these cats now have their Premier Certificates.

A Blue Longhair breeder, Miss Colley, owned a lovely specimen of a British Blue in Ch. Rosemary of Ashburnham, winner of 12 Challenge Certificates. She was kept as a pet in London and became my property at the age of about eight. She won her last C.C. as my property and was first in a veterans' class at the age of 16½. She died at the ripe old age of 17.

### Household Names

Another enthusiastic Shorthair breeder of that time was Mrs. Broughton-Hawley, about whom many tales could be told. She favoured the Tortie varieties, but also showed Tabbies. A lovely cat of hers, Ch. Marion, also ended her days with me after Mrs. Hawley's death. Marion lived to be 18, and even then if it had not been for the war she would, I think, have lived very much longer. A Tortie-and-White with perfect chess-board markings, she also won many Certificates.

Other household names among the Shorthair breeders before the war were Misses Hill Shaw, Mrs. Carew Cox, Miss Cochran and the Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison. The late H. C. Brooke, too, did very much to enhance the British Shorthair, while Miss Adams, though she never exhibited, did a great deal to encourage the breeding of Britishers by presenting some magnificent cups. Mrs. Croucher was one of the first to show British Blues. Her Ch. Camperdown, and his son Ch. Campermudge, sired very many winners.

To-day, these winners have been superseded by the Rev.

Basil Rees, whose British Blues are world famous. His Ch. Joey, even though he is rising in years, still comes up for Best in Show, an honour which he has won. The Rev. Rees's prefix is Sylvan, and I should think it is true to say that there has never been a cat with this prefix which has been "out of the money." Mr. Rees is the present Chairman of the Short-Haired Cat Society, a great authority on all breeds and a most popular judge. There was a great tendency at one time to interbreed the British Blue with the Russian, thereby losing type and eye colour of both, but Mr. Rees's cats are true British bred throughout their pedigrees.



CH. SYLVAN JOEY

Blues and Blacks can be effectively mated, and this outcross has certainly improved the breed. While on the subject of British Blues it is interesting to note that in 1903, when Miss Frances Simpson wrote her classic work, "The Book of the Cat," the eyes of the Russian are described as golden or deep orange, while the eyes of the British (which she did not consider a breed!) were

green. These colours are completely reversed to-day, the standard setting down that the eyes of the Russian should be deep green, while those of the Britisher should be orange or copper.

In her book Miss Simpson says: "There are some people who wish to assert that there is an English breed of Blues, and I have been told strange tales of unexpected meetings in country villages with cats of this colour, whose owners declared that both parents were English bred. As, however, it is not always possible to identify the sires of household cats, I venture to doubt these assertions."

I wonder what Miss Simpson would say if she were alive to-day and saw Ch. Joey or some of the lovely specimens exhibited at the Paris Shows, where they are called cats of Chartreuse. In the U.S.A. they are called Maltese cats. In the first few shows after the last war British Shorthairs were conspicuous by their absence, but to-day, thank goodness, there is a trend to popularise them again.

Mrs. Bentley is showing British Blues, Mrs. Axon and Mrs. Budd Torties and Tortie-and-whites. Mrs. Axon is an enthusiastic breeder who was weaned away from the household pet classes at Croydon, where she showed a magnificent Tortie-and-white who laid the foundations of her "Noxa" cattery. In Silver Tabbies, Miss Bracey, of Bristol, and Mrs. Peyton, of Greenock, have kept the flag flying since the early part of the century. Mrs. Peyton also breeds Red Tabbies.

Another fancier "discovered" in the household classes is Miss Pat Tucker, whose Vectensian affix is now a household word.

Ch. Rio Tinto and her mother, Ch. Copper Eyes, have often been brought out for Best in Show, an honour won by the former when only a kitten. Mrs. Towe, Hon. Secretary of the S.-H.C.S., is furthering the cause of Silver Tabbies and her Ch. Hillcross Silver Lady is a well-known winner.

One of the most lovely Shorthairs was the Cream. Alas! there are none on the bench today. We sometimes hear of them in remote places, but so far as I am aware there are none with breeders. Creams are very difficult to breed as they are very apt to show tabby markings, especially in the Shorthaired variety.

Every Longhair should have its counterpart in Shorthairs with the exception of the Smoke. Shorthaired Chinchillas are difficult to breed, but one or two are making their appearance. There is, however, no doubt that there are some magnificent specimens of British Shorthairs up and down the country. Their owners probably are quite unaware that they have potential prize winners and in all probability, too, many of the cats are neutered.

It is an excellent thing that local poultry and rabbit clubs are offering classes for cats at their shows. Let us hope that before long these shows will be general, as not only will they help to enhance the Fancy, but they will make the general public realise that the cat is as worthy of exhibition as the dog. Registrations of cats have increased by leaps and bounds. It would be a good thing if before long we could say that the biggest leap has been in the registrations of British Shorthairs. So up, ye Britishers, and show the Festival of Britain that a cat may look at a King!

## HEIMSKRINGLA SUNNIVA

with four of her family



Mrs. Irma Lord, of 11 Fern Bank, Scotforth, Lancaster, writes:

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# My American Journey

Last October two of our leading Siamese breeders visited America to fulfil judging engagements. The first to leave was Mrs. K. R. Williams, who travelled "way down South" to Virginia. She was followed by Mrs. L. K. Sayers, who judged at a show held in Newark, New Jersey. These ambassadors have kindly contributed an account of their travels and experiences specially for readers of "Our Cats" and we are happy to devote considerable space to these items because we feel that not only will they interest cat lovers all over the world but they will also help to strengthen the ties of friendship and common interest between the Fancies of two big nations.

## MRS. WILLIAMS writes :

**M**OST of us are interested in other countries. America, with its vast and varied population, terrain and climate, has always interested me. I was, therefore, delighted to accept the invitation to visit friends and to judge the Siamese Speciality Show at Norfolk, Virginia.

16th OCTOBER.—At Waterloo, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Vargoe, Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Clarke greeted me. The hour being early made me doubly appreciate this send-off. Soon I was off on the first lap of my journey. The boat train runs into the New Ocean Terminus at Southampton, completed and opened this year. I understand it is the largest of its kind; it is truly a magnificent building, light, spacious, all under cover. Fixed gangways are a permanent feature of the main building; these swing out and are linked to ships with a concertina-like hood (similar to those linking railway coaches). Organisation is the keynote everywhere, from the moment the train draws in.

Setting sail in skiff or liner is interesting, even exciting; the bustle of R.M.S. Queen Elizabeth leaving port is exciting. At 3 p.m. the stir of "pulling out" is in full swing: the tugs—Canute, Romsey and Wellington—belch smoke in their task of easing this huge vessel aft. She

moves. Away go the ropes, blacker and blacker becomes the smoke pouring from her funnels; she moves slowly, stately from her moorings. A seaman runs up the Red Ensign and we are on our way, an impressive sight—one to remember—and the second lap of the journey begins. In my cabin, telegrams and flowers greet me. I feel overwhelmed; my friends do so much for me. I have just set out alone, and here around me in fragrant words are my friends from as far afield as S. Africa. The thought flashes through my mind that more of such feeling in international relations might help our troubled world.

17th to 20th OCTOBER.—There is always plenty to do aboard. I was naturally drawn to the kennels. There were two cats travelling with their owners and quite a number of dogs. The kennels, in the care of an attendant, are well situated, with an exercising deck. Food is the charge of the ship's butcher.

21st OCTOBER.—The Hudson river was shrouded in mist; the Statue of Liberty could not be seen. My friends met me and we were soon off on 410 miles drive, beyond Boston to Braintree, which was to be my base. After five days at sea it was companionable to have cats about again. Ch. Donraile Drusilla reminds me so much of her mother; she even slept on my bed—so like home!

The Washington Cat Fanciers' Show was held on the day I arrived and was a great success. The main Siamese results were: Best S.P. cat, Mrs. Brooks' Hann Tram of Cattails; best B.P. cat, Mrs. Vokes' Ch. Rosebank Chrysantha Royalist; best S.P. novice, Mrs. Nangle's Green Lane's Babette; best B.P. novice, Mrs. Finney's Rasna's Munthina Matilda; best Champion, Mrs. Stackhouse's Ch. Donerale Dandle.

24th OCTOBER.—Visited Mr. and Mrs. Bergfors. American hospitality is such that one feels at home at once. Discussion ranged from travel to cats and thence to that delicate and dangerous subject of politics.

25th OCTOBER.—Visited the (small) local store. "Small" would not be my description, for this long one-storey building carried everything from ice cream, packed and washed vegetables, minced beef, sausage rolls ready mixed for the oven, to medicines and magazines. Everything cellophane packed. I hope my many American friends will understand when I say the American housewife has no housekeeping problems where food is concerned.

26th OCTOBER.—To nearby Quincy, population near 90,000. Here I visited a super market. They have to be seen to be believed. EVERYTHING is in these stores. The household shopping complete in one place—simple!

27th OCTOBER.—Quincy is proud of being the birthplace of two Presidents: John Adams, second President of the U.S., and his son, John Quincy Adams, sixth President. The house where John Adams took his bride and where John Quincy Adams was born is in good repair and has some of the original furniture. Mrs. Adams was a remarkable woman—the wife of one President and the mother of another. John Adams defended a British officer

charged with murder in the Boston Massacre.

28th OCTOBER.—Visited Plymouth. Here the Pilgrim Fathers first set foot after their heroic voyage across the Atlantic. So many visitors chipped pieces from the rock that it is now railed in. Standing on raised ground directly behind this stone is the bronze figure of Massasoit, the Indian Chief who was friendly to the Pilgrims.

30th OCTOBER.—Visited Mrs. Brooks, whose cats are her hobby. She has both Blue and Seal Pointed Siamese, having beautifully arranged pens and the complete use of the sun room, which has been built on to the existing house. I will write more of this cattery later.

During the following weeks I visited round and about Boston. It was at the Harbour, you will remember, the Boston Tea Party took place which finally lost us our American colony. Visiting Mrs. Leonard, a Siamese devotee, we were shown the Harvard Medical School and Library. These are fine, modern, beautifully proportioned buildings, providing equipment for teaching and research in the various branches of medical science.

31st OCTOBER.—Set out for Scarsdale, N.Y. The roads are made for fast travel, in many places four lanes of traffic either way. The average speed (very average) is 50-55, more often it is 60-70. This is Hallo's'en. American children make this a great time. Huge orange-coloured pumpkins stand outside the houses—most decorative.

1st and 2nd NOVEMBER.—Started off early for Garden State Cat Show at Newark. The drive was very interesting, for we crossed the George Washington Bridge, a marvellous piece of engineering skill, which hangs by cables over the Hudson river. Nearing Newark, we travelled on the Pulaski Skyway. This bridge is

mostly above land to avoid the traffic through industrial towns, a tremendous piece of engineering rising in places to several hundred feet above the earth beneath, stretching for miles above factories, refineries and docks. It takes motorists over rather than through Newark and other New Jersey cities.

The Garden State Cat Show was my first American Show. Mrs. F. Wilson, the Show Manager, is to be congratulated on the Show. The hall was large and the light excellent. It was very much like a show at home to sit with Mrs. Sayers after the judging talking as only two cat lovers can talk! During the Show I met and talked with so many people—Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, who are expecting an import from England; Mrs. L. Ott, whose cattery I am to visit; Mrs. V. Cobb, whose Siamese have been winners for many years, and many of you will recall Mrs. Cobb's Longhair Siamese which, alas! died; Miss L. Scott; Mrs. F. Herms, the well-known judge, whose Longhair Black male Ch. Hermscrest Natayha was Best Opposite Sex Champion; Mr. De Santis, well-known breeder of Longhairs; and many others of whom I shall be writing later.

3rd NOVEMBER.—Met at Mrs. A. Pinney's Rasna's Clensi. Clensi is a character, a full male, not now at stud. Born 14th July, 1936, he has sired 517 children—7 Champions and 17 Champion grandchildren. He is so gentle and lovable, his coat a warm pale seal and texture perfect. Clensi had me enthralled. An evening with Charles Laughton, the English actor, now an American citizen, was perfect. He gave readings from the Bible, Dickens, James Thurber, Thama Wolfe, and Aesop's Fables, keeping a huge audience spellbound.

4th NOVEMBER.—Shopping in New York. Two things at once struck

me: (1) the stores have no chairs, (2) there is no smoking in cinemas, subways or large shops. Large notices state: "It is unlawful to smoke in retail stores."

5th NOVEMBER.—Left New York for Mount Holly, the county town of Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. H. Stackhouse met me, and we were soon talking cats. A room completely cut off



CH. DONERAILE DANDIE

from the house by a door and landing has been converted into a cattery. A balcony leads off this room, which is to be wired in for summer exercise. Mrs. Stackhouse has several litters, all by her imported mate Ch. Doneraile Dandie. One appears to be a B.P. (which reminds me I shall be visiting Mrs. Landers' import Belhaven Hyacinth later). She has another stud, Hollycat Peter. He and his wife, Hollycat Polly, have sired many winners. Squirrels abound everywhere here.

(To be continued)



## MRS. SAYERS gives her impressions . . .

**I**T was with mixed feelings of pride and pleasure that I received an invitation to judge at the Garden State Cat Club's twelfth Annual Championship Show at Newark, New Jersey, last November.

For nearly twelve months I had been "marking time" for the great event, and on 20th October I set sail on the *Mauretania* to our friends across the Atlantic. It was dark when we sailed past the Statue of Liberty. The lights of Manhattan and the Empire State Building were a thing of beauty. I could hardly believe such man-made beauty of its kind existed and Americans can be justly proud of it. I was met by friends and stayed in New Jersey until I went to Newark for the two-day show.

This was held in Wideway Hall Ballroom, and my first impression was that it was going to be similar to our own shows. However, there were differences which may interest some members of our own Fancy.

I found that judges did not wear white coats but looked very smart in their dresses, the only distinguishing sign being the wearing of orchids. These were presented by Mr. Wilson, husband of the attractive Show Manager, Mrs. Florence Wilson. A charming gesture, I thought, but custom dies hard, and my orchids were duly pinned to my white coat!

Pens were arranged in line, sufficient for a class, both sides having openings—one side for the judge, the other for the competitors to put in their cats. I had a large table in front of the pens allotted to me and placed under a big window, so there was plenty of light to work by. When

everything was all set the President of the Garden State Club, Mr. James F. Brinning, acting as announcer, called through a microphone the number of the cat and each exhibitor brought his or her cat and placed it in the pen. Exhibitors then sat on rows of chairs immediately in front of the pens to watch the proceedings.

As there are no stewards, judges have to handle each cat themselves, although if a cat is very restless and upset, one is allowed to call on the owner to hold it during examination. This isn't too bad a plan when it comes to "Best in Show" judging, as so often a cat gets thoroughly upset and by the end of the day will resent handling by strangers.

I had been given to understand that the cats would not be of such a high standard as our own. But on average I thought them very good, particularly the winners, who were presented with lovely ribbons: blue ribbon for 1st, red for 2nd, yellow for 3rd. Lower awards are not given and cards are not issued.

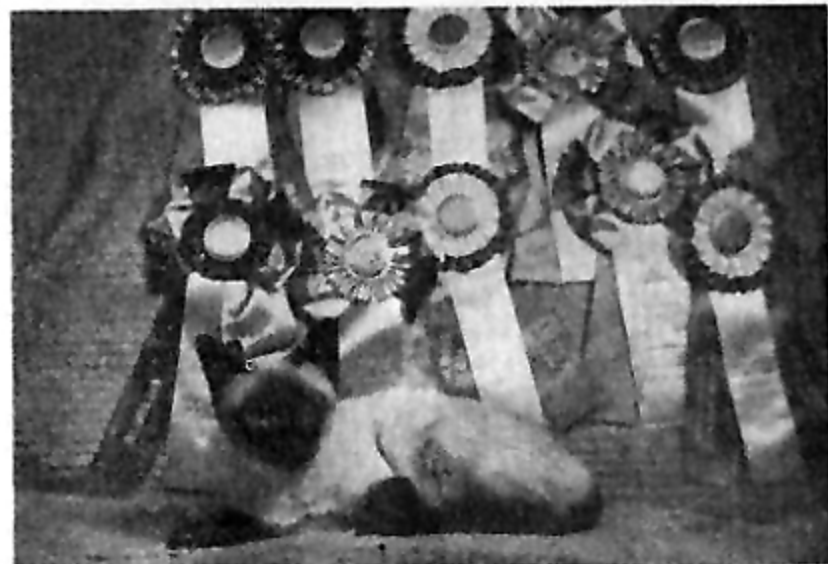
As each class is completed, cats are removed to their own pens, and another class brought up to the judging pens, so that by the end of two days numberless cats have passed through these pens. By this you will see that the cats are repeatedly brought out and carried over to the judging pens and I would have expected them to be far more upset than they were. But as in nearly every case the exhibitor was the owner, this undoubtedly helped matters a lot.

I noticed some rather pinched faces among the kittens particularly, probably due to shortness of face, but texture of coats and general condition of all were beautiful. None looked as if it suffered from a "paw to

mouth " existence. Judging went on until late at night on both days, and many of the Longhairs were judged entirely by artificial light. I managed to complete my classes in the daylight so had no difficulty in seeing the exhibits at their best, particularly the Blue Points, who were very good. I came across hardly any fawn in their coats and very few barred tails. Heads were outstandingly good in this breed.

S.P. kitten was Sabukia Sasha (imp.), owner Mrs. Lucas B. Combs and bred by our own Mrs. Dadd. The sire was Lindale Simon Pie ex Sapphire Sally. This kitten was an easy winner though its face was a little pinched. It will probably improve as it grows older.

All the Blue Points were American bred and were beautiful. Awards were: Best B.P. Champion Female, Merry Mounts Fenner, owner Mrs.



**CH. NEWTON'S JAY TEE**, Mrs. Cobb's famous Siamese, was 8 years old when this picture was taken. The rosettes were won at three American shows.

My winners were: Best Champion S.P., Ch. Donerale Dandie of Hollycat (imp.), owner Mrs. H. G. Stackhouse, breeder Mrs. K. R. Williams, of Sutton, who must have been pleased to be "on the spot" for this award. Female Championship went to Ch. Newton's Jay Tee, owner and breeder Mrs. Virginia R. Cobb. This lovely queen was by Champion Oriental Nanki Pooh of Newton ex Champion Wivenhoe Taru of Newton. Both the Oriental and Wivenhoe prefix are well known in England. Best

L. N. Ott, B.P. Champion Female, Champion Vee Roi's Violet Lady, owner Mrs. Alice Dugan.

These two were very close, but Merry Mounts Fenner had just that little something that made her best B.P. There was only one B.P. female kitten in her class and it would have been an easy winner in good company. A lovely, dainty baby, exquisite colouring and tail, bred by Mr. King, owner Mrs. Lillian King, of Revere, Mass.

I was interested to find not only a neuter class but one for spayed females; all had to be over the age of nine months. Judges and many exhibitors, flew in from great distances. Showing in America must cost something as there are nearly 100 shows during the year. The rule is that each cat must be inoculated with Lederle at least three days before each show. An expensive item this. I understand this vaccine is getting quite scarce in the U.S.A. English fanciers can hope to get it soon as it is going to be made in a factory now starting up in South Wales, as also is the wonder drug aureomycin. I travelled back on the Queen Elizabeth with an official who had been studying production methods in America for the past three months and I was most impressed with the progress we are making in the manufacture of these new drugs.

But to get back to the show. Judges do not make a report on their findings to the press, but because I came from England I was invited to prepare a full report for the December issue of their "All Pets" magazine. Just before the show I gave a 15-minute broadcast over W.A.A.T. network from Newark and enjoyed this novel experience very much. Was afterwards shown over the huge television studios in the same building. Altogether it was a grand show and I met so many kind and interesting people, it was overwhelming. There was just one point of criticism raised and that was the dissatisfaction with some of the kittens now being sent out there. These are below the American standard and will do much to harm the good name of the English Fancy. I even saw one quite ordinary queen who would certainly not be a winner here and could never be shown there—she had one eye larger than the other. She was a great disappointment to her new owner. So

please, breeders, don't let the side down in this respect.

I came across the same thing at a very lovely dog show I attended at Elizabeth. Being interested in my own breed, the British bulldog, I met some grand people and some of the best bulldogs I've ever seen. Here the complaint was of inferior dogs being exported with straight hocks, and I am passing this observation on to the President of the Bulldog Society in England.

### **Lovely Grub!**

I envied the lovely minced horse-meat my hostess fed to her cats, all nicely packed in cellophane cartons, so fresh and so easy to handle. I was taken to see various cat breeders and in every case the cats were kept in the house. There are no outdoor cat-teries as we know them, and despite their lack of outdoor life they were all in lovely condition and very happy. Who wouldn't be in such cosy centrally heated homes! My journeys took me to mountains and lakes and I even got in visits to the "cow country" and to a turkey farm. Other interests were in the free expression practised in the State schools and I was able to study this at first hand.

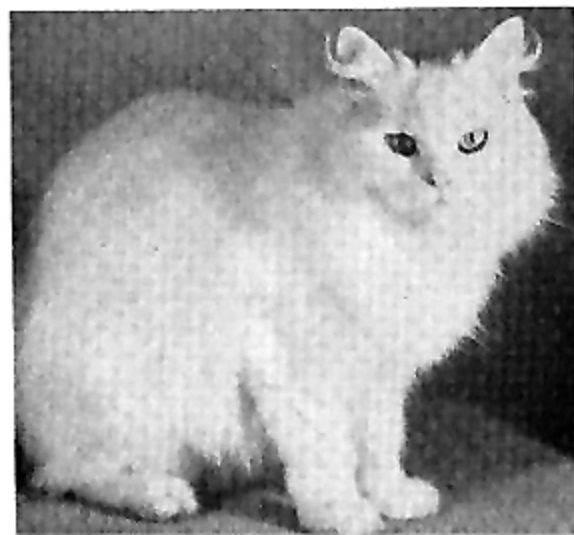
All this was due to the various grand people I met and stayed with, and I can never thank them enough for their hospitality. I hope one day I may be able to return this in full measure.

I couldn't return without seeing something of New York's wonders and night life and was taken to see the Great White Way on Broadway by our beloved Miss Hydon. Altogether a wonderful trip. So thank you, America, for the opportunity you gave me to visit your show and country. I could write a book on all I did and saw. A truly memorable occasion.

## *Continental Contrast...*



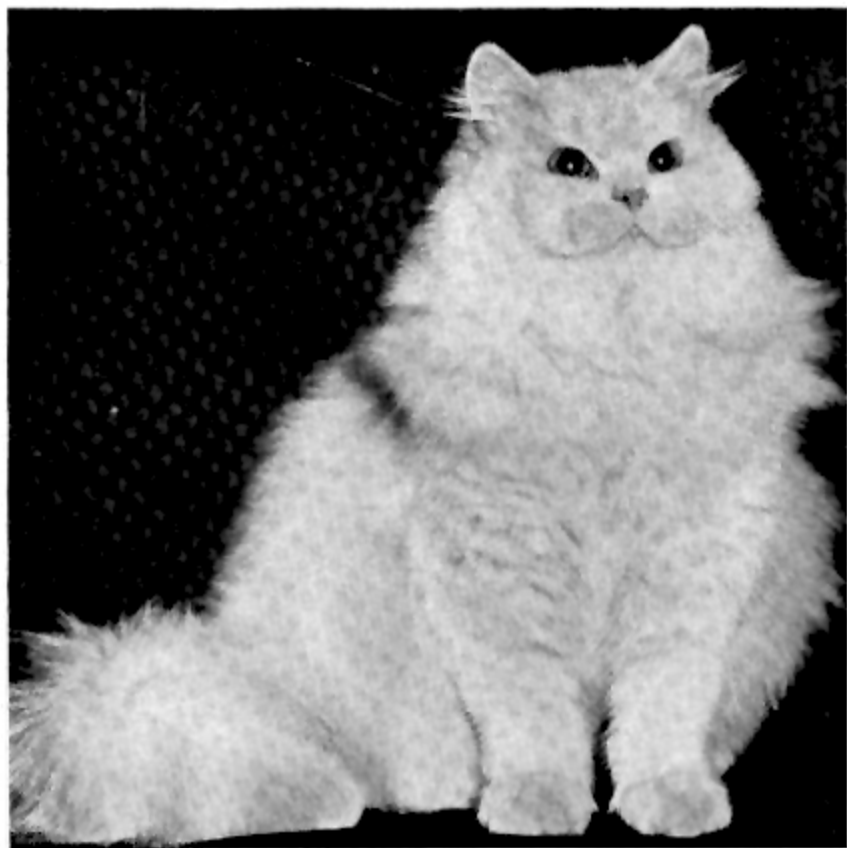
International Champion JACKDAW DE MADOURA, bred by Mme. Ravel, of the Cat Club de Paris. This outstanding Black Longhair by Widdington Wotan now belongs to Mlle. Urruty.



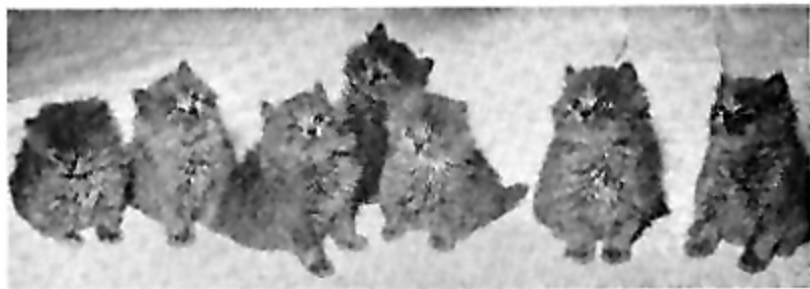
XANDY DU BOSQUET, White Longhair yellow-eyed male, 8 months old, son of International Champion Pierrot du Bosquet. He is a descendant of English strains bred by the well-known Swiss fancier Mme. M. A. Gay, of Liebefeld, Berne. Xandy was a first prize winner at the last Paris Show.



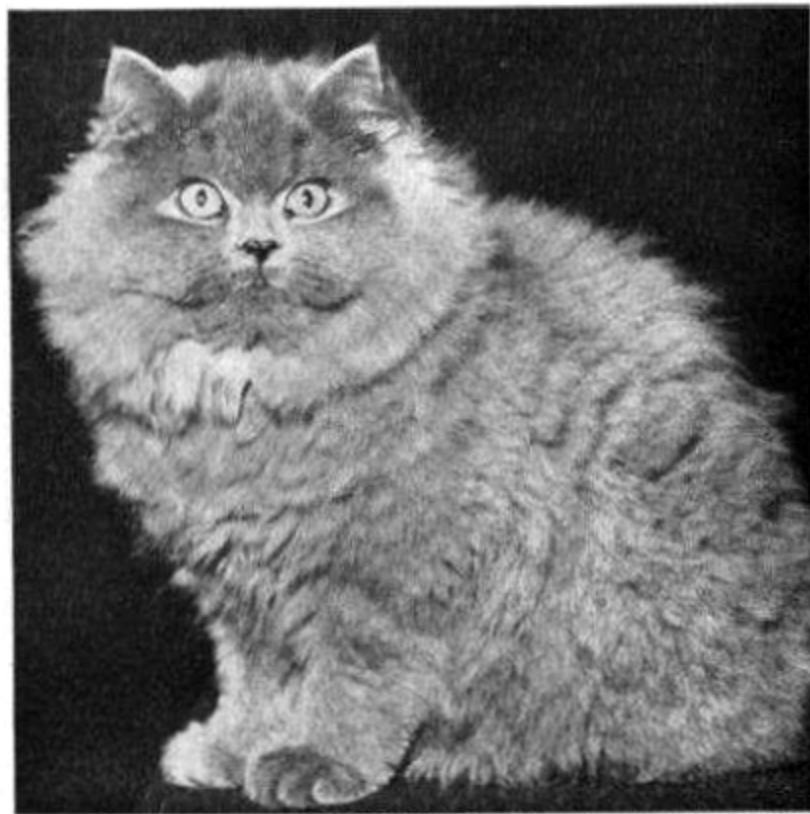
These two Blue babies were in the winning litter at the last Championship Show of the Blue Persian Cat Society. They were exhibited by Miss J. M. Fisher, the popular Hon. Secretary of the Society, and were bred from her own stud, Cedric of Hadley.



DEEBANK POWDER PUFF, Cream female, at 7½ months old was Best Kitten at Lausanne (Switzerland) International Cat Show last November. By Champion Bayhorne Minton ex Deebank Sandra, Powder Puff is owned by Mme. Pia Sandoz, the prominent Zurich fancier.



Many a Blue breeder will gaze with astonishment and perhaps with a little excusable envy at this picture of a bonny litter of seven. Mrs. L. Dyer, of Selly Park, Birmingham, who owns both the sire and dam, has kindly supplied a few details for publication. The sire is Tellerton Talisman, a handsome Cream stud who has won on the show bench. He was just a year old when he sired this amazing family. There were actually eight kittens at birth but one died three days later. The mother, Prestwood Pixie, a pale Blue, with large deep amber eyes, had a litter of six previously, making a total of 14 kittens in two litters during 1950!



Introducing AVERNOLL HAPPY CHANCE, a Blue Longhair kitten who promises to do well for his breeder, Mrs. E. Brine, of Wickford, Essex. He was first in his open classes at the Croydon and National Shows last year. Sire is Avernoll Prince Charming, dam Champion Campanula of Dimesk.

# A Judge makes his Bow

**U**NTIL the Croydon Cat Show in November I vaunted two distinctions in the cat world; I had never shown a cat and I had never judged at a show. Now I can only say that I have never shown a cat.

Now do not imagine for one moment that I think that having judged at my first show I believe I know all the answers, because that would be far from the truth. Nevertheless, I do believe that I learned on that one day something which may be useful to future exhibitors or to that small number of men and women who will one day face their first engagement as a judge.

First of all let me deal with a few points for exhibitors.

### Show Preparation

One thing stood out a mile. Some exhibitors knew how to prepare their cats for the show bench, while a few had not the slightest idea what was necessary. When it comes to making a choice between really good cats, good preparation may be the only thing left to tip the scale; but, on the other hand, it is a fact easily seen by a novice judge that no amount of preparation will turn a bad cat into a good one.

### Ears

I was very surprised to find several cats with dirty ears. That I did not expect, because here we have a routine ear-cleaning each week whose main purpose is the prevention of canker. It is true that I did not find a single cat with canker, but there were obvious signs that some cat owners leave this matter of canker merely to chance. Of course, they may get away with it, but if they ever have the unwelcome task of trying to cure canker, they will be much more careful in future. Certainly when taking a cat to a show make sure that its ears are clean. A little dirt will spoil any party dress.

### Too Much Preparation

Fortunately, I had no cat to judge in whose coat there was obvious powder, but I did notice one or two pens which bore a ticket to the effect that the exhibit had been disqualified for powder. Personally, I don't think that a judge has any option when he finds a cat with loose powder in its coat. Neither he nor anyone else thinks for a moment that the exhibitor has been trying to pull a fast one. It is merely that



someone has been careless, a fault from which few of us are immune. Five minutes' extra brushing would have made all the difference. The greatness of British cat shows is based on this strict observance of rules.

### **Temperamental Cats**

The thing which impressed me most was the equanimity of "The Cat." During the course of the day I handled about sixty cats and only two of them were difficult. All the rest allowed me to handle them almost as I wished and most of them seemed to appreciate what was, I hope, friendly attention.

Some cats should never be made to endure the noise and excitement of the show pen and I may have had one of those. The owner, to whom I spoke, will know better than I do whether this was one of those temperamental ladies who should be kept at home. This one cat was a spitting fury and my steward had to bear the brunt of it. I would never condemn a cat for one display of fright, but if I were the owner I should consider twice before I showed her again. There are without doubt a few cats to whom a visit to a show is an exquisite torture.

### **Standard of Points**

And now for myself as a judge out for the first time. This was not the first occasion on which I had judged at a Championship

Show, but my experience to date had been with smaller livestock than cats.

I was not in the least alarmed at the prospect before me as I made my way to the Lime Grove Baths because, in the first place, I had done my best to prepare myself for the task. To do just that is plain common sense. I had spent a considerable time memorising the Standard of Points for each breed as they have been approved by the Governing Council. That was time well spent, as in some of my side classes I met breeds I had never kept and which I had rarely had an opportunity of seeing at close quarters.

### **Honesty**

I felt quite sure that a judge, to do his job well, must be honest and by that I do not mean the opposite of dishonest. The type of honesty to which I refer might perhaps be termed a brutal frankness quite uninfluenced by what some other judge had said or done. I knew what I wanted to find and if I did not find it I was determined to say so. Such a policy will not make a judge unpopular with keen fanciers and it cannot do the Fancy any harm.

### **Put to the Test**

This so-called honesty was quickly put to the test, for I had a Championship Class in which the winner was so far from the official standard that I felt it

would have been dishonest to award a certificate. Well, there it was, and I dug my heels in, but I was sorry for the exhibitor, the cat and myself. The exhibit was a delightful cat, but it just did not measure up to the Standard.

### Afterwards

No doubt you will wonder how I felt when it was all over. It was obvious that I should hold an inquest on what I had done, as I suspect all new judges do. I was not unhappy about the result.

I did not imagine that I had pleased all the exhibitors who had shown under me, but I wonder if any judge has been as fortunate

as that. I did feel, however, that I had not committed any glaring mistakes which would be obvious to anyone with half an eye. And then, of course, with luck I may live for another thirty years, by the end of which time I should be a really good judge. As it was, I thoroughly enjoyed my experience.

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It is regretted that pressure on space this month compels us to hold over Mr. Jude's usual article in the series dealing with genetics and also the second instalment of "Toby's" article on Inn Signs. These will definitely appear in our February issue.

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# Just Fancy

Presented by JOAN THOMPSON

**R**EGULARLY every month, Mrs. Joan Thompson—popular and active figure in the Cat Fancy for many years, breeder and International judge—will turn the pages of her diary to reveal the most interesting entries concerning personalities, both human and feline.

5th December. The 54th Championship Show of the National Cat Club attracted over 300 exhibits. The hall was crowded in the afternoon and I hope the promoters were pleased with the gate. The floor space for the public was reduced by the erection of a huge stage at one end of the hall. This was becomingly draped with three shades of rose and had subdued lighting which was most becoming to the personnel, though I doubt if they had the time to notice it.

The Championship shows obviously need more judges as it was past 2 p.m. before some of us knew our awards in Open Kitten classes and much later when some of the slips went up for the Side Classes. At 4.30 the "early removals" commenced their journey home, so it was only for a brief time some of the exhibitors had the pleasure of seeing their prize cards on their pens. The Show closed at 5.30 p.m.

To cut down the classification is not the solution to the problem, in my opinion, and to do so when more cats are being exhibited than ever

before at some shows would be wrong. It is obvious our judges have too many exhibits to judge when they have to carry on so late in the day and it is not fair to exhibits to have them judged when the public and the owners are milling around the pens and in the gangways. Judging tables are usually wadded away to remote corners by the afternoon, so if one wants to place an exhibit on a table to judge conformation, etc., one has to play hide-and-seek to find a table. It is far easier to have to pass and re-pass two or three extra judges in the morning when judges and stewards have the floor of the hall to themselves than it is to contend with the public in the afternoon.

The objection that another judge may have the exhibit one wants is trifling as one has the choice of waiting a few minutes, during which one can make mental notes, or passing on to the next exhibit in the class and then going back to the exhibit one has "missed." Before the war, when I stewarded continuously for so many of our splendid all-round judges, the procedure usually was to finish judging by about 1.30, a quick lunch, back in the hall to award the specials, Best in Show about 2 p.m., and then a little free time in which to see the exhibits and chat to friends.

One thing which probably helped to make pre-war judging more expeditious was the vast experience of judges such as Mrs. Yeates, Mrs. Slingsby, Miss Adams, Capt. Powell,

Mr. Western and several others had of breeding and handling several varieties. Alas! they are no longer with us and we have so few to take their places as all-breed judges. Until we have I should like to see the specialist judges given less to do so that exhibitors know all their results earlier in the day.

However, to get back to the National Show, which was most enjoyable and a big undertaking for the Show Manager and Secretary, Mrs. Parker, who acquitted herself so well. Early December is the ideal month to exhibit Longhairs. They were in full bloom and were a lovely representative collection. Mrs. Herod's beautiful orange-eyed White male, now Ch. Carreg Cracker, had the rare honour of being Best Exhibit in Show for the third time he has been exhibited as an adult.

Mrs. Levesley's Blue kitten Trenton Victoria, bred by Mrs. Harrington-Harvard from her male Ch. Oxleys Peter John, has been Best Kitten at two consecutive Championship Shows—another unusual honour. Both these exhibits were beautifully presented. Trenton Victoria, apart from her excellent type, has a pale blue coat of lovely texture which I hope to see her retain as an adult. Her breeding is conducive to her doing so as her dam, Stanforth Dauntless Lady, is a pale queen and Ch. Oxleys Peter John excels in paleness and texture of coat. Trenton Victoria's litter brother, Trenton Page Boy, 1st, 3-6 months, at Croydon Show, has been purchased by Miss Kathleen Montague to use as a future stud for her own queens and those belonging to friends.

He has certainly gone to a real rat lover and will have every chance of developing into a future winner. Her Blue-Cream queen Moonbeam of Pensford was one of the elect who completed their full Championship status

at this Show, other lovely cats being Miss Bull's Cream male Widdington Whynot and Mrs. Crickmore's Chinchilla female Thiepval Snow Cloud.

In a good class of 10 Black kittens the first, second and third prize-winners were all bred by Miss Rodda, the winner being Chadburst Linda, by Ch. Bourneside Black Diamond. She was eventually purchased by Mrs. Eisenhuth, President of the Racekatten Cat Club, Denmark, and flown out to Copenhagen. The Cream male and female kitten classes contained 21 exhibits, a sign surely of this breed's steady growth in popularity. Now breeders will have to concentrate on trying to produce sounder roots in adults. It is a rare avis to find an adult with a pale cream coat sound to the roots. Miss Bull's Widdington Whynot is one of the best we have seen this season in this respect, although his famous sire, Ch. Widdington Warden, would no doubt give him a run for his money if exhibited. This handsome veteran is now 13 years old.

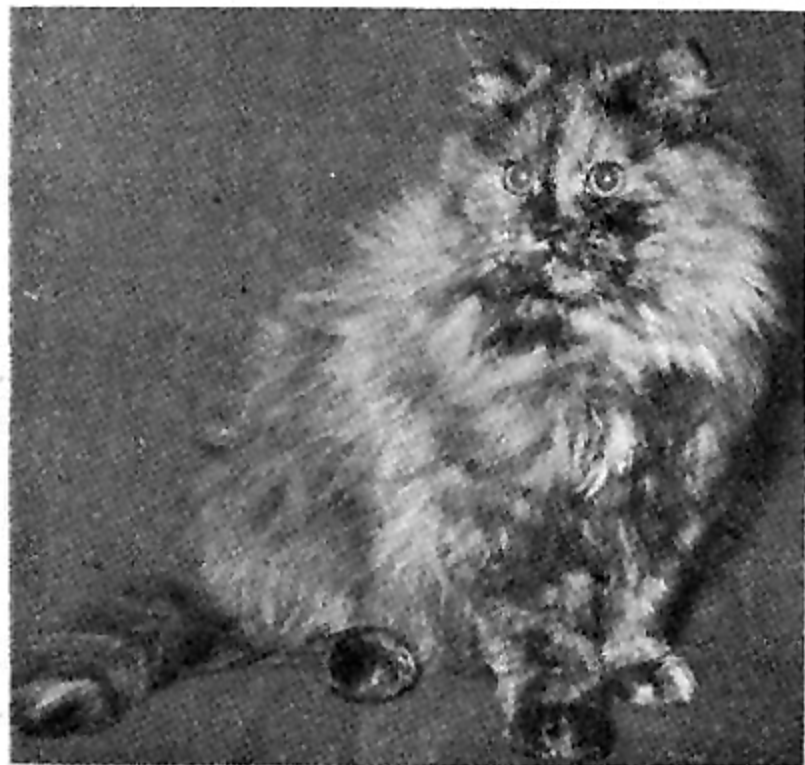
Mrs. Mayne's sweet baby, Fanifold Kitticat was the winning Cream male kitten and his litter sister, Kittiwink, the winning female. Miss Hildyard won with her exceptionally well marked Tortoiseshell, Anchor Patchwork. Best Shorthair in Show was Miss Tucker's Red Tabby Ch. Vectensian Rio Tinto, brilliant in colour and beautifully marked—a worthy winner.

Mrs. Sayers' Seal Point Siamese, Kildown Jupiter, won the Challenge Certificate in a class of 11 males and Mrs. Hewlett's Croxteth Janina in a class of 17 females. Best Neuter was a Chinchilla, Lord Charlie, bred by Mr. and Mrs. Baker. Mrs. Alexander of Bracknell, Berks, a newcomer, I believe, to cat breeding, has made a fine start with her two well-bred Blues, Mary and Melody of Dunesk, 1st and 3rd respectively in the 6-9

months Blue female kitten class. My Souvenir Moonbeam was 1st in the Blue male 6-9 months class.

It was a pleasure to see Mrs. Campbell Fraser winning the Red Tabby male class with Ch. Hendon Elysander and the female class with Hendon Dangouse, and very interesting to note she is by Mrs. Campbell

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**ANCHOR PATCHWORK**, prize-winning Tortoiseshell with exceptionally good markings. Owner is Miss Hildyard, of Lipbook, Hants.

Fraser's American importation, East-moor Doll Dance. The judge, Mrs. Cattermole, reported: "Lovely clear markings, splendid head and eyes, a sweet little lady I liked very much. My choice for best in show later on."

**18th December.** The eighth edition of the Governing Council's Stud List is now available (price 3d.) and can

be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. Hazeldine, 1 Roundwood Way, Banstead, Surrey, or Mr. Aitken, 2 Commonfield Road, Banstead, Surrey. It contains the names of 226 cats at stud. Seal Pointed Siamese lead the way with 101, Blue Pointed number 29 and Chocolate Pointed 2. Blue Longhairs total 44, Creams 12, Chin-

chillas 11, Blacks 11 and Red Tabbies 4. Other Longhair varieties have only one or two males to represent them and all varieties of British Shorthairs six. Abyssinians and Russians have a single representative.

The first Stud List, published in 1941, contained the names of 106 males and there has been a yearly increase up to 1948. Since the latest

edition was published, Mrs. Brine, of Wickford, Essex, has acquired Sir Roger of Dunesk from Mrs. Bailey. His dam was Ch. Dream of Dunesk, who was tragically killed in an accident. With her other two well-bred Blue males only remotely related to each other, Mrs. Brine has a trio of eligible cats. She is very pleased with Sir Roger's pale, sound coat and he has a family resemblance to his sister, Ch. Campanula of Dunesk.

**20th December.** Executive meeting of the Governing Council in the morning. A hurried biscuits-and-cheese lunch with Mrs. Hart and Miss Kit Wilson was followed by a Siamese Committee meeting in the afternoon.

The Siamese Club's News Sheet, edited by Mr. Soderberg, has some lovely photographs in this issue, particularly those of Ch. Southwood Sunya. In his editorial we are informed 738 copies have been sent to Club members. In 1951, members will be charged 5s. for the four issues and Mr. Soderberg would like the subscriptions before the end of January.

**21st December.** From Mrs. Carlton Biddle, of Vestal, New York, I received to-day a press photograph of Mrs. Saxby Mabie (whom I had the pleasure of meeting when in Boston last February) holding up Mrs.

Biddle's shaded Silver male Cayuga Light Bandy of Nanticoke, which was judged Best Cat in Show at the two-day show at Binghampton on 9th and 10th December. Best female kitten was Blue Star Diana, bred in England by Mrs. Grace Pond and selected by Mrs. Biddle before she left England in October. Congratulations! It is always a joy to know our friends are "doing well," especially with exports from England.

**24th December.** I very much appreciated the lovely Christmas greetings from my friends and acquaintances at home and overseas. It was a special joy to see the cards from U.S.A., so very original and colourful. Quiet Christmas at home with friends and the small family.

**29th December.** To Messrs. Spratts, and after an informative chat with their Mr. Grosvenor, to Tilbury to see Jasper of Pensford off to Australia on S.S. Port Wyndham. There was great activity when we arrived and we found the veterinary surgeon appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture busy vetting some lovely horses. These were travelling in specially built loose boxes which I was told cost £120 each and are destroyed on arrival. Jasper was vetted and duly installed in his Spratts crate and I was soon twinkling up the companion way to await his arrival on deck. I must confess to awful pangs when I saw his crate dangling on the end of a massive steel hawser. However, on landing he was remarkably serene, but it was a cold day, and four days before he would reach a warmer climate, so off down the stairs again I went to gather an armful of sweet-smelling hay from the horses' fodder. This made a cosy nest for him in the enclosed part of his temporary home. I was amused when a docker informed me, "Missus, your cat will be full of

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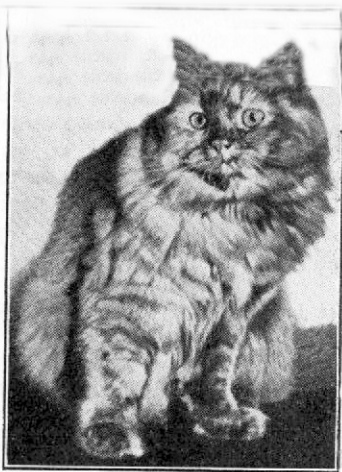
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fleas if you give him hay for bedding."

Hay is a fine breeding ground for fleas if a cat has them, but all these things should be taken care of before it goes to a new home, especially abroad, and hay obviously cannot spontaneously breed cat fleas. After this I went to see the First Officer and gave him written suggestions for diet. Mrs. Martin kindly advised me to wait for a ship carrying a few passengers as a more varied menu is available. As a precaution I had fed Jasper on a very varied diet for some weeks, giving him tinned meat, biscuit food, bread and milk, more cereals than usual, baked and boiled meat and various kinds of fish, so that he would not be finicky if he was not given what he expected. He is a massive kitten, weighing nearly 11 lbs. at 8 months 3 weeks, so has a good foundation and strong constitution, like his sire, Ch. Astra of Pensford, whom he strongly resembles in appearance and habits. He is destined for Mrs. Price, of Auckland, who tells me: "I have always longed for an English Blue and am so looking forward to his arrival.."

Whilst deeply appreciating the attentiveness of Messrs. Spratts, I do recommend owners to see their cats and kittens off by ship or aeroplane. When a personal interest is taken by the owner it is reciprocated by the ship's staff. Later I contacted a young cadet and found he had owned a Blue Persian, so he took the liveliest interest in Jasper and promised to take care of him. I was surprised to hear about the number of emigrants who take non-pedigree cats and dogs to Australia.

Mr. Whiting tells me the brother of his exceptionally good Seal Point Siamese kitten, Mais-Mor-Marquis, which has been awarded about 30 first prizes this season, has been purchased by Mrs. M. A. L. Corbett,



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**1st January.** New Year Greetings to all cat lovers. I hope their queens are blessed with fine bouncing kittens. May I suggest they are dosed

for worms before being mated if there is any reason to suspect they have them. It is surprising the number of times during the year I receive requests for remedies for canker, fleas and worms from persons who have purchased kittens with one or all of these pests. Why they do not contact the breeders is a mystery! One thing we can be sure of, and that is, if brood queens have any of them their kittens will not escape, and it is so much easier to cope with the mother than the babies.



## Tailpieces

*A regular newsy feature  
with a selection of the best  
items from home and overseas*



**T**HE interesting item of news has reached me that a start has been made with the formation of a Siamese Cat Club in Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia. The preliminary work of organisation is being undertaken by Mrs. E. T. Mehlig, assisted by Mrs. M. Sedgwick as Secretary.

John Rothenstein, Director of the Tate Gallery, has written an interesting account of his visit in 1949 to Mr. Winston Churchill and the great war leader's studio at Chartwell. He records that Mr. Churchill, in course of conversation, said: "I think the person who taught me most about painting was William Nicholson. I noticed you looking, I thought with admiration, at those drawings he made of my beloved cat."

A Bridgend (Glamorgan) family were listening over the Christmas

holiday to the strains of the popular song "I taut I taw a pudly tat." The song ended but the strange noises did not. There was a rush into an adjoining room, where it was found that the family cat had forced open the birdcage and eaten the canary.

Westminster City Council is to prohibit entirely the keeping of animals in council flats. Up to now there has been a ban on animals and birds, except by special permission.

A kitten was trapped for at least four days beneath a house in Dagenham, Essex. It was imprisoned in a concrete duct which is part of the district heating scheme. The occupier of the house heard miaowing coming from near a manhole cover outside his back door. He knocked away bricks with a hammer and chisel and dropped food to the kitten until a

party of bulking workers arrived to effect the rescue.

Some thoughtful Australian friend (at present unknown) has forwarded a copy of the catalogue for the November Show of the Siamese Cat Club of Australia held in Melbourne Town Hall. I hope the venture was as successful as the Club's first fixture in June last, when over 3,000 visitors attended and the profits for charity totalled over £100. I was particularly interested to note that the 36-page catalogue carried 16 pages of commercial advertising ranging from real estate to taxi-derny. A preface refers to the fact that the arrival in Australia of Mr. Michael Joseph, President of the Siamese Cat Society of the British Empire, gave impetus to the Club's formation. Members now exceed 140 and include Mr. and Mrs. James Mason. Members of the Committee were the first Australian cat fanciers

to import Siamese since before the war. They were also the first to import Blue Points and now one has bred the first Australian Chocolate Point.

A lame carrion crow which for two months has attacked cats and dogs in the Hayes, Middlesex, district, has been caught.

Correspondent in a popular Sunday newspaper, C. W. Brown, of Kingsdown, Deal, writes: Our piece of mutton was flavourless and tough. So we gave it to the cat. She tried a bit, gave it up and went out. In about ten minutes she returned with a large fat mouse, which she laid at my feet. Was she sorry for us?

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## **Let's go to a show!**

We urge readers to attend as many Cat Shows as possible. There is no better place at which to meet old friends, to make new ones and to pick up useful points about cats, their breeding and general management. Brief details of the show programme for the 1950-51 Season are provided below for the information and guidance of readers.

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## Correspondence Corner

Readers are invited to send contributions to this feature and so to join in the useful exchange of ideas, experiences and knowledge. Letters should be concise and deal preferably with items of general interest.

### "INKSPOT" AT SHOWS

I know it is a difficult subject, but surely something can be done regarding the condition of some of the cats and kittens at the shows. Unless there is something obviously wrong with them, I suppose the vet. has to pass them. But the spectacle of weakly, wretched-looking kittens and uncared-for cats is not inspiring and is something of which we should be ashamed. Several people have told me they no longer attend cat shows because they cannot bear the sight of these wretched creatures. They are, thank goodness, very much in the minority, but, like the inkspot on the tablecloth, hit one in the eye.

Mrs. C. Coldham,

Tattingstone, near Ipswich.

### DENTAL CARE

In your June number there is a column of "A Few Do's and Don'ts." May I ask you to stress once more the importance of having the teeth of a pet cat examined from time to time to be sure there is no tartar and to clean the cat's teeth often enough to prevent tartar. If left until the cat is old, it is sometimes too late, as I have just found out to my cost.

Mrs. H. E. Bignell,

Knocke/s/Mer, Belgium.

### EYE TROUBLE CURED

Recently I received a copy of OUR CATS from a friend. In this August issue you have a little item by Mr. Soderberg which refers to eye trouble in kittens. I believe after the experi-

ences I had some months ago I am practically an authority on eye trouble!

The litter numbered six, all apparently healthy, normal Siamese kittens, but as soon as their eyes started to open I noticed a pus-like discharge. Immediately I used boric acid and, of course, mamma proceeded to clean them as soon as I had finished. After a few days their noses began to run and they constantly sneezed. At this point I bundled up all six and mamma and rushed them to the vet. They all had penicillin shots and he gave me yellow ointment for their eyes. During the next day or two they were worse and all coughing besides. Then I noticed most of them had the haw covering most of the eyeball and terribly inflamed. After several more trips for penicillin shots, using penicillin drops and salves, fortifying their diet with raw scraped beef and vitamin A medicine, I was ready to give up.

Another doctor was called in and they both agreed they never saw anything as bad as those kittens looked and, furthermore, they did not give me any hope for their survival. They were all choked up with mucus and two of them, I am sure, were blind. One of the doctors suggested that we try Methylene Blue, which in my opinion resembled gentian violet. They had me make the decision as it might blind them permanently, in which case I would have had them put to sleep. I cried inside for I had worked on those kittens for three weeks day and night and it just

seemed as if I'd been stymied from the start. Of course, I made the decision and took them home with much low spirits but also a new tube of salve, Streptomycin, and I honestly believe that little tube of ointment turned the tables. In a few days there was a wonderful improvement and I saved every kitten—much to the surprise of both vets.

They are all gone now to their new homes, and except occasionally for a little watering of their eyes one would never know the terrible trouble they once had. I found out this, though; their eye trouble was inherited from the mother. She had a sore eye when I first got her, and even after one-and-a-half years of the best possible care and food her one eye will occasionally pop up with infection. So I quickly get the Streptomycin out of the refrigerator and go to work. I can't breed her again. What on earth would be the use, for the next litter would be the same.

This is my story, sir, and it could have had a sad ending, but I wouldn't give up. I only hope my experiences will prove helpful to someone who might encounter similar trouble.

Mrs. J. Haines Pikkels,

Daytona Beach, Florida, U.S.A.

#### FRESH START IN N.Z.

We do compliment you on the appearance of *OUR CATS*. The whole publication is quite the best we have seen and I wish you every success.

As to items of news from here, we are only at the beginning. Although we were associated with the G.C.C.F. in 1930, our activities came to an end when war broke out and have only been re-started about a year ago. With the exception of Auckland, our cat population of Persians has become almost extinct and we are tackling the problem of literally educating the public to the beauty of these lovely cats. Siamese are increasing

rapidly and I am glad to state we have some cats on the way from England which should help matters considerably.

R. Marshall, Hon. Secretary.

The New Zealand Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, Mangere, S.E.S.

#### CALIFORNIAN APPRECIATION

With my Easibinder filled with 24 numbers of *OUR CATS* it is a rare privilege to enclose my cheque for the 1951 renewal and, of course, there must be another Easibinder for 24 months of anticipated pleasure. Your magazine has made history in the annals of cat publications. . . . I look forward to its crossing my study desk in my little mountain-pass home in California.



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In your September issue Mrs. Joan Thompson revealed how, through a post-mortem, it was discovered that a kitten had died because it had no liver. One of my young queens was nursing two surviving kittens of a litter; two were dead at birth and another, a weakling, had not survived. All seemed well and the kittens were thriving up to a fortnight. Then one of them seemed to go back

and two days later it died suddenly. A p.m. revealed that one lung had not developed.

I mentioned this to a well-known judge and also to the stud owner, a well-known breeder, and neither had heard of this before. It just shows that animals are liable to freak birth as are humans.

Mrs. D. Robertson,

Fairlie, Ayrshire.

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### Miscellaneous

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## To the Children



# From Uncle Peter



### *Boys and Girls*

#### **Famous Cats**

There have been many famous cats which, because of their affection for their masters, helped them to become rich men and sometimes even saved their lives when they were in danger.

Now I shouldn't like to say how true these stories are because I know that one of them at least is only a fairy tale. Nevertheless, I like all the stories, and there are many of them, which tell of the affection and faithfulness of cats.

#### **Puss in Boots**

I'm quite sure that some of you will go this Christmas to see the pantomime "Puss in Boots," and I expect that a number of you have seen it several times before. Now there was a useful cat for you! The miller's youngest son was left only a cat by his father and yet this clever cat not only saw that the poor son became the Marquis of Carabas, but she also made sure that the king's lovely daughter became his wife. Puss had to do a lot of running about to arrange things for her master and that was why she needed a pair of strong boots.

This was a fairy tale written by a Frenchman, Perrault, who died nearly two hundred and fifty years ago. He also wrote the story of Tom Thumb and Red Riding Hood. But just you go to see "Puss in Boots."

#### **Dick Whittington**

There's another Christmas pantomime for you in which you have a cat who helps her master to make his fortune and become Lord Mayor of London.

There are some people who say that it was not a real cat with four legs which helped to make Dick famous. They want us to believe that the cat was a type of ship which brought coals from Newcastle to London. We don't want to believe that story, do we?

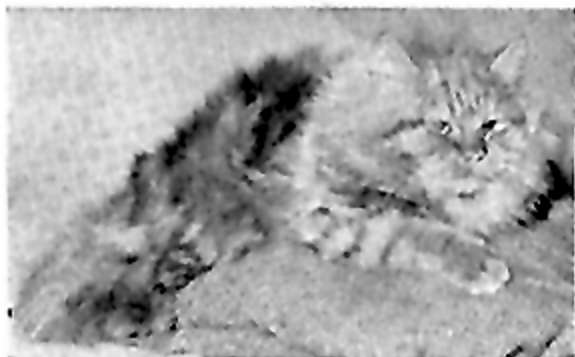
Now this is certainly true! About two hundred years after Dick Whittington died his portrait was painted in all his gorgeous robes as Lord Mayor. When the artist had finished this portrait he showed it to various friends and they at once said to him, "Where is Dick's cat?" There was no cat in the portrait. So the artist had to start work and he added a cat and on this cat Dick placed his right hand.

#### **Sir Henry Wyatt**

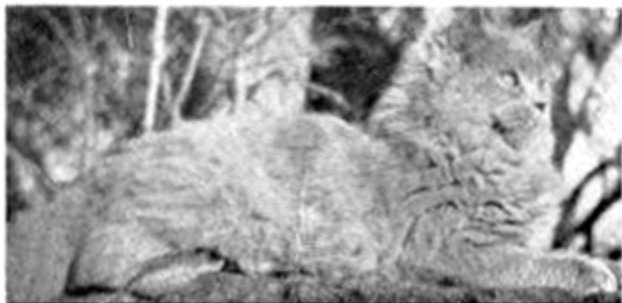
Another man who usually painted with a cat beside him was Sir Henry Wyatt, who came from Kent. In an old History of Kent I once read that when Sir Henry was a prisoner in the Tower during the reign of Richard III a cat knew how hungry he was, so she used to catch pigeons and bring them to his dungeon. The jailer was a kind man and he cooked the pigeons for his prisoner. You can now understand why Sir Henry Wyatt liked cats.

There are many more stories, but I'm afraid I've used up all my space.

*Uncle Peter*



LINDISPARNÉ EMPIRE GOLD, handsome Red Tabby male, was Best Kitten at a New Zealand show. His owner is Mrs. Bernice Downey, President of the New Zealand G.C.C.F., who has bred many varieties for over twenty years. She recently imported two Siamese kittens from England.



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